

Also, I come from a State that could be producing, but there's no revenue-sharing. So no legislature or no Governor will ever vote to allow any kind of drilling off their shore.

THE REPUBLICANS ARE POLITICIZING THE HEARTBREAK OF AMERICA

(Mr. SALAZAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, frankly, today I'm totally surprised that the other side is politicizing the heartbreak of America. The other side has actually raised fuel prices. We have an oilman in the White House. What we need now is common energy policy, expanding our renewable energy policy, and making sure that we address clean coal burning technology.

Who was it that withdrew the FutureGen project off the table? It was President Bush that did this.

Ladies and gentlemen, let's make sure that America listens to what Americans are talking about: high energy prices; they're losing their jobs.

Today, this bill expands domestic drilling opportunities, not only offshore but also on the land.

THE SPEAKER HOLDS THE KEY IN HER HAND TO UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL OF AMERICA

(Mr. SULLIVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, when I was coming to the House after the August vacation, where we did nothing on energy policy, I was walking through the airport, and many people were patting me on the back, said get down there, get that energy bill done, it's hurting us, we need something done.

And they said they couldn't believe that the Speaker, NANCY PELOSI from San Francisco, would not allow us a vote on this. One guy said, I can't believe she's that powerful that she is single-handedly holding this up when the majority of the American people want to see this done and done now and get a comprehensive, all-of-the-above strategy.

She does have that power, and she's exercising her power. She has the key. She holds the key in her hand to unlock the potential of America, to unlock oil and gas reserves in this country that would last for 160 years that we can get right here in our own backyard. And while we're doing that, we can develop technologies like wind, solar, nuclear, hydro, biomass, all other technologies in an environmentally sound way, and we need to do it now.

Instead, we're getting a bill that's full of tax increases and drilling less in America, and this is the biggest hoax perpetrated on the American people that I've seen since I've been in Congress.

And on her Web site, she says a bill should generally come to the floor under procedures that allow full and open debate. Members should have 24 hours to examine bills and conference reports before they come to the floor. But she's not doing it.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind the Members to observe proper decorum and please heed the gavel.

GRAND OLD OIL PARTY HAS A CASE OF AMNESIA

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Well, the Grand Old Oil Party has a case of collective amnesia. They would hope that the American people will share in their amnesia. The American people should forget that for 6 years they controlled everything, the House, the White House and the Congress. And for 6 years they labored and they brought forth the Bush-Cheney energy policy. I voted against it, as did most Democrats. We said it would make us even more dependent upon Saudi Arabia—one of the President's best friends here, the King of Saudi Arabia—and it has. It has worked exactly as they designed.

Now they're born again into caring about other forms of energy and energy independence and American consumers. It's just a smoke screen to cover for their continued addiction to the contributions of the oil industry and to fighting for the oil industry to continue that addiction.

We're bringing forward a bill to break that dependence, to break the enslavement to OPEC, and to move this country toward true energy independence on domestic resources and new technologies and jobs. I don't think anybody believes that they really care about the American consumers.

DEMOCRAT ENERGY BILL WILL BE RECEIVED WITH A THUD ON WORLD MARKETS

(Mr. RADANOVICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RADANOVICH. When President Bush lifted the Presidential moratorium on offshore oil drilling, the price of oil dropped \$12 a barrel immediately and has been falling ever since.

I have said many times over the summer that if Congress passes an energy bill that increases production of domestic energy, the markets will react immediately with lower prices. This is the litmus test that Congress will be delivering what the American people want.

The Democrat energy bill will be received with a resounding thud on the

world markets. It won't move the price of gas one cent because it provides no incentives for States who increase production offshore.

Unlike the Comprehensive American Energy Act, the bill we are voting on today does not address oil shale production, lawsuit reform, streamlining the nuclear energy process, coal-to-liquid technology, increase refinery capacity, and opening ANWR. However, the bill does include a drawdown over Strategic Petroleum Reserves, a fraudulent use-it-or-lose-it legislation, and an extremely costly renewable energy mandate. Maybe this majority ought to go back to suing OPEC to produce more oil because under this bill, that reliance is still there.

ENERGY BILL IS A COMPROMISE

(Mr. RAHALL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, the American people want us to solve the energy problems facing our country in a bipartisan way. They're looking to the Congress for answers, but they realize that the Congress cannot provide the only answers.

No less than T. Boone Pickens has said that we cannot drill our way out of this mess. The plan that we bring to the floor today is a comprehensive energy plan that does do all of the above. It's a compromise between the drill nowhere crowd and the drill everywhere crowd. And let's face it, there are some on the minority side in this body that would drill everywhere and they're not going to settle for anything less, including under the National Mall if they could. They would want to drill every inch of this land, and that is not a responsible way.

Our plan provides for reliance upon domestically produced energy sources, all of the above. It requires oil companies to be responsible and transparent in the collection of royalties. It provides for a new ethics code for the people at the Minerals Management Service to operate under so that the American taxpayer can receive a fair return for the disposition of their resources. These are public resources deserving public accountability.

NO COAL IN DEMOCRAT ENERGY BILL

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, my coal Democrats, who have promised me that they would take one vote in this Congress to advance coal, and we have not seen it. And my colleagues will want to attack the oil, but the best way to get off of imported crude oil is to use coal.

There is nothing in the Democrat bill that advances coal use; nothing, zero—no oil shale, no coal, no oil sands, nothing. It's not a comprehensive plan.